Prices of Aminophylline and Theophylline

3722. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) What is the present position of Aminophylline and Theophylline under the import policy and since when this policy is in force;

(b) when were the imports of Aminophylline and Theophylline stopped under supplementary licences and what are the current prices of these drugs and when were they fixed; and

(c) what were the prices charged by the producers of these drugs from the date of stoppage of imports under supplementary licences?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) In the Import and Export Policy (April, 1988—March, 1991) Aminophylline and Theophylline are under Appendix-3A, Part-I and OGL respectively.

(b) and (c) No prices were fied for Aminophylline and Theophylline under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. However, w.e.f. 11-2-1988 price of Theophylline has been fixed at Rs. 224.36 per kg.

Production stage of drugs

3723. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 175 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the stages from which Rifampicin, Dexamethasone, Ethabutol and Ethoheptazone are produced at present;

(b) what is the import content per kg. in terms of quantity and value based on current production or production based on which price was last fixed;

(c) how long the import of intermediates/penultimates would continue to be allowed to each company; and

(d) what are the sales of Equagtsic and other formulations containing Ethopheptarine Decadron and formulation based on Dexamethasone and its salts, Rifampicin formulation based on Rifampicin and its combinations as per the latest ORG available with his Ministry along with composition price approved and selling price of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) To the extent information is available the manufacturers are producing the following drugs from the stages indicated against each:—

Rifampicin—Intermediate stage of 3-Formyl Rifampicin SV.

Dexamethasone—From intermediate stage. However from 3rd year onwards from basic stage as per the licence condition.

Ethambutol—From imported DL-2-Aminobutanol till indigenously available. Ethoheptazile-Citrate — Intermediate stage.

(b) These details are not monitored by this Ministry.

(c) Import of intermediate/penultimates are regulated as per the conditions set out in the industrial approvals.

(d) Sales turnover is not monitored. However, the other details, to the extent available with reference to prices, are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)